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MAYOR SANDERS CALLS AN END TO "BOIL WATER" ORDER FOR NORTH INLAND NEIGHBORHOODS

TESTS SHOW WATER FREE OF POTENTIALLY HARMFUL BACTERIA

WATER SAFE TO USE IN HOMES AND RESTAURANTS MAY REOPEN

San Diego, August 6, 2006, 1630 PDT – San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders has announced an <u>immediate end</u> to the "boil water" order required by State health officials and announced last night for certain, limited communities of the City of San Diego.

The Mayor's action comes following test results showing that all water in the affected area is now free of potentially harmful bacteria. The Mayor, in consultation with health officials at the California Department of Health Services, removed the previous order once testing results were confirmed for 21 separate locations throughout the previously affected area.

The end to the order will allow the County Department of Environmental Health to immediately end their closure order for restaurants and other food preparation facilities.

Homeowners may also resume using the water supplied by the City. Water delivered by the City may once again be used for all food preparation, drinking and bathing needs.

Last night, acting in consultation with State officials, the Mayor announced the boil water order for neighborhoods along the Interstate 15 corridor north of Mercy Road and Scripps Poway Parkway. The order came as a result of tests showing elevated levels of total coliform bacteria and the presence of E. coli in the City's water system in this area.

Subsequent tests show all water for this area to be free of potentially harmful bacteria.